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## PATENT DEPARTMENT

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606

GROUP ART UNIT: 3621

Initial application of:

Dieter PAUSCHINGER et al.

EXAMINER: M. Huseman

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TITLE: "METHOD FOR PROTECTING A DEVICE AGAINST OPERATION WITH UNALLOWED CONSUMABLES AND ARRANGEMENT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE METHOD"  
AMENDMENT "A"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

 No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT			(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*	MINUS	**	X	( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00		
INDEP. CLAIMS	*	MINUS		X	( ) X 40.00 ( ) X 80.00		
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				(') YES ( ) NO	( ) \$135.00 ( ) \$270.00 ONE TIME		
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$0.00	

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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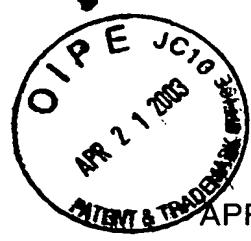
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003, Applicants herewith amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

*A1*  
1. (Amended) A method for protecting a device against operation with an unallowed consumable, comprising the steps of:

*B1*  
(a) storing a plurality of reference code words at a data center;  
(b) generating a code word having a predetermined relationship to at least one of said reference code words;  
(c) allocating said generated code word to a specific consumable and storing said allocation at said data center;  
(d) aggregating an authentic replacement consumable, corresponding to said specific consumable, with said generated code word, during manufacturing of

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